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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Mission Summary

1. Mission GRC-133, scheduled into the Szechwan Basin, took off 20/2336Z and landed 21/0405Z. The mission aborted approximately 85 miles after penetration because of camera malfunction. The malfunction was attributed to a rivet on one of the film spools. The AC generator failed in the descent to home base. Up to the time the AC generator failed,

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2. Mission GRC-134, the back-up mission for GRC-133 also to the Szechwan Basin, took off 23/2349Z and landed 24/0720Z. The pilot estimated 40 percent of the mission was affected by weather. He reported the camera failed just after leaving the Szechwan Basin, and he flew directly home from that point. Subsequent information from the film processor shows that the camera failed before the mission entered the area of primary interest. The malfunction was attributed to a solenoid failure.

3. Mission GRC-135, scheduled for South China, aborted soon after take off because of a malfunction of System XII.

4. Mission 3206, scheduled for North Vietnam, took off 27/0007Z and landed 27/0642Z. The mission was successful with clear or scattered weather except in the Hanoi Basin.

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In the Hanoi Basin area the pilot's equipment showed System IX and System XII activity. A special readout of the System VI tape has been requested to verify the cause of System XII lock-outs.

5. Mission GRC-136, scheduled for South China, took off 27/2347Z and landed 28/0705Z. The mission was partially successful in that the North Vietnam Border and the Lao-Kay to Kun-Ming Road complex were in scattered clouds. Midway on the withdrawal leg and after the mission aircraft entered

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the poor-weather area, the camera shutter stopped.

6. Mission 3208, [redacted] took off 31/0010Z 25X1D and landed 31/0715Z. The mission aborted after entering Nepal because of camera malfunction.

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